

MID-CAROLINA RIFLE CLUB PO BOX 2528 COLUMBIA, SC 29202-2528

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 8, 2020, 6:30 PM at Murray's in Edenwood Plaza.

Reminder #1: Membership renewals are due <u>60 days</u> before your membership expires. You cannot renew by EMAIL.

Reminder #2: Get your STEEL Targets approved for use at the range. All steel targets must be approved by the CRO.

Matches and upcoming events schedule

Cowboy Action – Palmetto Posse	1 st Saturday	9:00am
Small bore Rifle	1 st Saturday	9:00am
NRA Light Rifle	1 st Sunday	9:00am
USPSA (IPSC) Practical Pistol	2 nd Saturday	9:00am
NRA High Power Rifle	2 nd Sunday	9:00am
NCOWS	2 nd Sunday & 9:45am	
	5 th Saturday	
MCRC Meeting at Murray's	2 nd Monday	6:30pm
MCRC Meeting at Murray's Precision Pistol (Feb – Nov)	2 nd Monday 3 rd Saturday	
		9:00am
Precision Pistol (Feb – Nov)	3 rd Saturday	6:30pm 9:00am 10:00am 12:00pm
Precision Pistol (Feb – Nov) Steel Challenge	3 rd Saturday 3 rd Saturday	9:00am 10:00am
Precision Pistol (Feb – Nov) Steel Challenge Metallic Rifle Silhouette	3 rd Saturday 3 rd Saturday 3 rd Saturday	9:00am 10:00am 12:00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Appleseed clinic – April 17-18 Appleseed clinic – October 2-3

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Dues payments may be made at the meetings or mailed to P.O. Box 2528, Columbia, SC 29202-2528. If you have questions about dues, please contact Treasurer Patten Watson at 803-463-6533 or email duck.tail@yahoo.com.

Report apparent violations of range rules or unsafe or discourteous behavior, with vehicle license tag numbers, to club President Roy Mullis for investigation. If you want the club to continue operation, members must be self-policing in this manner.

Minutes – January, 2021

There were thirty-six (36) members and guests in attendance:

Roy Mullis	Linda Chico	Michael Dodge	Dwight Bachman
Richard Boyd	Kim Wales	Scott Johnson	Wyatt Kelso
Charley Francis	Julie Holling	Lee Rouse	Michael Wingard
Chuck Schenck	Jim Palmer	Brian Palmer	Wesley Bommer
Diane Sharpe	Jane Sharpe	Allen Kinard	Charles Fortner
John Doudoukjian	Karl Myers	Duane Hogue	Tommy Wood
Phyllis Wood	Paulette Adkins	Dave Anderson	Linda Anderson
Jason Anderson	Charles Ginther	Don Nitzsche	Tom Glynn
Mike Mika	Brad Pender	Randy Tate	David Anderson

Roy Mullis called the meeting to order and led the club in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He also led the club in a prayer.

There was an amendment to the minutes. The description of small bore silhouette was posted twice: once in the correct location under the discipline reports, and the second under small bore prone rifle in error. The second mention was deleted from the minutes and the minutes were approved as amended.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Roy Mullis, <u>roym788@gmail.com</u>, 803-360-1490 Roy Mullis reported.

I would tell you Happy New Year but with the stuff that's going on I don't see how this year can be happy at all. I am concerned about the increase in the number of members I am having to speak to about not keeping on their safety glasses while on the bay. I had a visitor just the other day say under his breath that it was stupid to have to wear eye protection while not shooting. The club requires glasses for the safety of the member and the club. It's not negotiable. Glasses will be won at all times while on any bay.

I want to remind everybody to review the rules often. The rules are fluid and can change according to different situations. Safety rules can be changed by the executive committee while General rules require a vote of the club.

One good note: The club is constantly looking for ways to increase shooting opportunities on the range, and simplify the rules. Recently a change was made that will simplify what targets can be shot where -

The committee approved a change that would allow shooting at plastic bottles and cans on all ranges except 2700 and the plate bay. These like other approved targets must be placed on the berm and not on the ground. I will be removing the No shooting at cans and bottles signs and replacing the posted rules on every bay to show the change. Understand that if trash becomes an issue, this can be reversed. Most of our members have been very good at removing debris.

If you use the Hathcock range you know that the two parking spaces behind the cover were removed because of rain running into the office during heavy downpours. I am going to open them back up. Numerous members were parking in the drive blocking access to the 200yd driveway. I was allowing Handicapped members to pull off near the tree while allowing access to the drive. When several wanted to park there and I asked one to move there was conflict. So, As soon as I get the spaces open there will be no parking in the drive at any time. You can still pull up and unload but then your vehicle will have to be moved. I am trying to figure a way to put a space near the tree for handicapped access. We'll see how it goes.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Linda Chico, lchico@sc.rr.com, 803-629-7095. Linda Chico reported.

This year was a record increase in the total club donations to the Toys for Tots program. MCRC doubled the amount of Toys donated, and donated over \$2000 more in cash & check donations. The 2019 total was \$5370, and 2020 was \$7425. Many thanks to all the volunteers and shooting disciplines who donated time, labor, toys or dollars to this effort.

Offer from a local hotel that is firearm friendly. They work with the Belton Gun Club for hotels in the Anderson SC area. The County Inn & Suites Columbia-Airport located on 2245 Airport Blvd. in Cayce, SC would like to be your preferred hotel for competitions that your club will host in 2021. We like to offer your members and attendees the discounted rate of \$74.00 per room/per night plus tax. This rate includes a hot breakfast, complimentary WiFi, reservation booking link and an airport shuttle. If you are interested, please contact dbowes@elitepotentialmgt.com 321-432-3741 for a 2021 rate agreement.

Please remember to contact me by phone, email or text message if you have questions about your membership (renewals, credits, forms needed, etc). If you cannot get the renewal to print, contact me. And Roy always has hard copies available at the range. We both bring extra copies to the meeting.

REMEMBER * * Renewals must be sent in <u>60 days</u> via postal mail before your membership expires and prior to the meeting to allow all of the information to be processed. You will know you have successfully completed renewal once you get a new membership card. Please do not call or email Patten asking about the status of your renewal if you only sent it a week or two earlier. If you are using an Apple mobile device to complete a renewal form, you may need to install an Adobe Forms App (available free in the App Store). Please contact Linda Chico (<u>lchico@sc.rr.com</u>) if you have problems accessing or printing the form.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Rhonda Metz, <u>secretary@midcarolinarifleclub.com</u>, 803-315-5576. Linda Chico reported for Rhonda: If there are any changes or corrections to the newsletter, please bring them to my attention. The sign in sheets by the door are for everyone in attendance. This does include those wanting to join the club tonight. PLEASE print your name so that I can read it. Thank you!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Patten Watson, duck.tail@yahoo.com, 803-463-6533.

Patten gave a verbal report of the club's financial status. He included the information that the Tax bill for the range property had increased dramatically in the last few years, because of the growth in Lexington County, plus they are using a different way to calculate the tax rate for the range property.

Patten is a CPA in SC. If you would like to have more information regarding our finances, please contact him (after the latest IRS deadline if possible).

CRO/RANGE MAINTENANCE REPORT: CRO: Kim Wales <u>walesk3@gmail.com</u> 803-760-3670 Range Maintenance: Julie Holling, <u>jwholling@bellsouth.net</u>, 803-755-7397. No report.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Palmetto Posse: Charles Fortner <u>cffortner@yahoo.com</u> 803-603-2278.

The Palmetto Posse is a Cowboy Action club that shoots every first Saturday in the Jeff Cooper bays matches start with a safety meeting at 9:30 am. Then we'll start shooting around 10:00 am. And finish around 1:30 pm. After the match we head to Murray's for lunch.

SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE Richard Byers, <u>mcrcsmallbore@gmail.com</u>, 803-240-9678. No match in the last month.

NRA LIGHT RIFLE: Robert Shaffner, <u>Robert_shaffner@yahoo.com</u>, 330-409-3799. No report.

Match Description: The Light Rifle competition is a club level event based on the NRA Light Rifle series. .22 LR rifles are fired from 3 different positions; 10 shots prone, 10 shots sitting or kneeling, and 20 shots offhand. Held the 1st Sunday of each month, starting at 9AM, we shoot twice. Any and all are welcome. There is a wealth of experience available to assist with the match as well as a variety of equipment used (just about any .22 rifle will work!) We hope you'll come out and enjoy the comradery & competition.

USPSA-IPSC PISTOL: Mike Wingard, mhw_uspsa@yahoo.com, 803-521-0886; Derrick Hernandez, rangeraa45@gmail.com, 910-580-8343; or Joe Magagnoli, jcm331@gmail.com, 610-509-7627.

There have been 2 matches since the last meeting. Attendance has been down because of Covid, the ammo shortage and wet weather forecasts. 45 shooters were at the December match and 55 in January.

The usual USPSA - IPSC matches are held the second Saturday of each month. We are using online registration which starts the Monday prior to the match. Contact Linda Chico at LChico@sc.rr.com to add your name to the notification list. Sign in at the range starts at 9:30 am. Shooting starts at 10:00 am. Juniors are free. New shooters are half price (\$11). Set-up for the match is on the preceding day on Friday afternoon. If you are interested in coming out and trying a shooting sport that involves running and gunning, you can start with very nearly any centerfire pistol if you have enough magazines for it.

NRA HIGH POWER RIFLE: Clay Marshall, <u>marshallc@bellsouth.net</u>, 803-695-0300 or Scott Johnson, scottjohnson641@gmail.com.

Match was held on December 13th. Had a total of 10 shooters. Weather was excellent. Dan Helwig was the match winner firing a 480-09X.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF OLD WEST SHOOTISTS (NCOWS): Henry Schlein, henryschlein@yahoo.com, 843-821-9999 or Dave Graley, Assistant Match Director, dlgraley@aol.com 803-403-4792.— South Carolina Old West Shootists Association of NCOWS.

There were 9 shooters at the most recent match.

Our matches are normally held on the second Sunday of each month (except November) and on the 5th Saturday of such months in which they occur. Match fees are \$15.00, \$10.00 for accompanying family members, no charge for age 12 and under. Please come and check us out; or better yet, come join in the fun. We are a very friendly, family oriented group. New shooters and beginners are welcome. Coffee, donuts, sweet rolls, bottled water and Gatorade are provided at most matches.

NCOWS uses rules similar to SASS Cowboy matches, although NCOWS pays greater attention to historical accuracy concerning our guns, clothing and equipment, and more emphasis is placed on marksmanship. New participants are given generous allowances of leniency with the former, since it may take a long time to acquire the proper guns, clothing and accoutrements. Gun carts are optional, rifle racks are provided. We shoot in 2, 3 and 4-gun classes. Generally, any pre-1900 pistol, rifle in pistol caliber, and/or shotgun may be used, either originals in serviceable condition or reproductions. We shoot smokeless and black powder categories. There is no overall winner in NCOWS matches; each category is judged independently. **Prospective members are advised to not go out and buy any cowboy guns or accoutrements without first coming to a match and meeting with more experienced members, in order to avoid spending good money on things that may not be NCOWS legal.**

PRECISION PISTOL: Mike Carr, <u>afvet53@netzero.net</u>, 803-408-0024. Matches resume in February.

STEEL CHALLENGE: Dennis Coggins, <u>damocles1234@hotmail.com</u>, 803-732-0663, Julie Holling, <u>jwholling@bellsouth.net</u>, 803-755-7397, or Lewis Hoover, <u>nomad 777@netzero.net</u>, 803-568-2976.

On December 19th, we had 28 shooters come out with 45 firearms to participate in Steel Challenge. The shooters included 2 juniors and 3 new shooters. Chad Wylie won Pistol Caliber Carbine Open in 49.13. Alan Coleman led Rimfire Pistol Open in 49.41. Jaco Van Zyl won Rimfire Pistol Iron in 95.50 seconds. Jeff Johnston won Rimfire Rifle Open in 44.07. Tim Burke led Rimfire Rifle Iron in 66.45. There were two shooters in Carry Optics, Limited, and Optic Sight Revolver, and one in Open division.

Our next match will be on January 16th. We will be using the General Purpose Bay for this match to run one of the long stages. Preregistration thru Practiscore.com is required. If you have problems with registering, please contact me. Anyone who is not a new shooter will be charged an extra \$5 to register

at the range on match day. If you are interested in helping set up for the match and getting a \$15 discount on your match fee, you can help with set-up on Friday, the 15th starting at 4:00pm. On Saturday, registration will start at the range by 9:15 and the match starts at 10:00.

Official Steel Challenge stages consists of 4-5 runs on 5 pieces of steel at set distances. Misses may be made up as long as it is done before hitting the "stop" plate, indicated by a red post. The longest string is tossed out and the remaining times are added together to get your stage time. Stage times are added together to get your match time. Occasionally, we run one unofficial stage during matches. Additional general information and stage diagrams may be found at https://scsa.org/. Contact Dennis or Julie if you have questions about our match.

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METALLIC RIFLE SILHOUETTE: Mical Bowling <u>mical@blackwolfconsulting.com</u> (803-546-4742)

The monthly smallbore rifle silhouette match was held as usual at noon on Saturday the 19th of December. In the morning it was a cold fall day but by early afternoon it did warm up.

The sky was clear and the sun was at a low angle and quite bright so all of the targets were in strong shadows which made the targets very hard to see. We had a nice contingent come down from North Carolina. Mical won both matches but he did have to do it by a shoot off with Curtis Kesler.

This discipline consists of shooting offhand at steel: chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams at 40, 60, 77 and 100 yards respectively. If you would like to try it, we permit the use of any 22 LR rifle but require the use of standard velocity 22LR ammunition so as to limit any damage to the targets.

Because of the non contact nature of this sport we expect no interruptions in our match schedule. However participants should wear loose fitting gloves for handling of targets, spray cans, and rails. The next smallbore rifle silhouette match will start at **11:00 am** on Saturday January 16th.

On the third Saturday of each month, the smallbore rifle silhouette match begins promptly at 11:00 am. Set up starts around 9 with sight in and practice after set up is complete. The smallbore hunting rifle match usually begins at 12:30 after a short lunch break.

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING - Savannah River Rangers: Joe Metz, <u>jrmetz45@gmail.com</u>, 803-960-3907 and Matthew Haulbrooks No match since the last meeting.

Cowboy Action is an action shooting sport sanctioned by SASS – Single Action Shooting Society. Single Action means the guns have to be manually cocked before they will fire and must be pre 1900 original or replica, most use new production replicas. The shooter must have 2 revolvers, a lever action rifle chambered in a pistol caliber and a shotgun. The shotgun may be a double barrel, a lever action or an exposed hammer pump action. Ammo is low velocity exposed lead bullets, no jacketed bullets allowed because we shoot steel targets at close range. A typical match has 6 stages with a different scenario on each stage. Each stage is timed and usually consists of 5 rounds from each pistol, 10 rounds from the rifle and 4 rounds from the shotgun with movement between each shooting string. At the end the times are added up and the lowest time wins! There are lots of categories for competitors to choose from but that is a discussion for another day.

Registration begins at 8:30, Shooters Meeting at 9:30, shoot shortly after – we would love to have you come out and see what Cowboy Action is all about!

BLACK POWDER MUZZLELOADING: Jim Boyd, <u>1949jwb@gmail.com</u>, 803-356-9504 or Sam Jones, <u>JonesiiiS@yahoo.com</u>, 803-794-5476. No match since the last meeting.

Here are some facts about our matches:

Match fee is \$5.00 New shooters shoot for free. NMLRA rules prevail. Match Director Controls the line and match. Any Muzzleloading rifle or musket with OPEN SIGHTS may be used. Ammo is a Patched round ball. Loading takes place behind the firing line at the benches. The firearm is not primed until the shooter is on the firing line (percussion cap or priming powder). Misfires are placed in a safe box if the shooter cannot clear the issue at the line. Ranges are typically 25, 40, 50, 75 and 100 yards. Scoring is indicated by the numerical values shown on the target. A ball must be at least 1/2 into a ring to receive that score. Novelty matches are scored by the number of targets hit.

IDPA: Mike Phillips <u>IDPAatMCRC@gmail.com</u>, 803-530-9135 or Don Rawls <u>dcrawls@live.com</u> No report.

Come join us! IDPA matches are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month. Pre-registration and squad selection is through <u>Practiscore.com</u> (searth for "MCRC IDPA" to find upcoming matches). Setup is usually on Friday afternoon prior to the match. Anyone helping with setup can shoot free the next day. IDPA is designed to help you with concealed carry. IDPA gear should be consistent with "carry gear".

APPLESEED RIFLE CLINIC: Duane Hogue SC@appleseedinfo.org

Tyler Scott has stepped down as SC state Appleseed coordinator. In the future XX will work on Appleseed events at MCRC. There were 2 dates requested for Appleseed Clinics this year: April 17-18 and October 2-3. Information and registration for upcoming events can be found at: https://appleseedinfo.org/schedule/?qstate=SC&state=South%20Carolina.

4 SAFETY RULES

- 1. Always Keep the Muzzle In A Safe Direction.
- 2. Do Not Load Until Given the "Load" Command.
- 3. Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger Until the Sights Are On the Target.
- 4. Make Sure Those Around You Follow the Safety Rules.

JUNIORS: Charley Francis, cfrancis@ftc-i.net, 803-469-4584

We stay in contact with various youth groups, but the increase in COVID-19 cases in South Carolina has most shut down. These restrictions are imposed by the youth organizations rather than the club. Once lifted, we will start scheduling orientation programs again.

The Juniors program is for those 8 to 18 and is designed to teach safety, responsibility, and basic marksmanship. The program uses air rifles for training and provides an entry into the rifle and pistol disciplines.

The basic orientation course consists of ten hours of instruction, both classroom and shooting. Instructors work with the participants though the course, teaching the basics and offering help and advice as the participant progresses. There is no set "score" to pass the orientation course. Safety is the primary focus, along with basic marksmanship skills. There is no cost for the orientation program: MCRC provides the rifles, ammunition, eye and ear protection, targets, and training materials.

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM: Allen Kinard, <u>alan@anvilartistry.com</u> 704-301-2110 CMP has started Round 2 of the 1911 sales. See the web site for details: <u>https://thecmp.org/sales-and-service/1911-information/</u>

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: Patrick Nolan, <u>pnolan747@gmail.com</u>, 803-318-1400. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Patten is looking into new software for the gate. Our current gate software is obsolete and cannot be upgraded.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

NEW MEMBERS:

After a brief introduction & voice vote, MCRC accepted one new member application: Brad R. Pender

There was no further business & the club adjourned the monthly meeting.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help set up the Friday before the USPSA, IDPA, and Steel Challenge matches. The match directors would welcome any assistance. You do not have to be a participant in the match to help. Contact one of the match directors in this newsletter and volunteer to help.

METAL TARGET STANDS can be ordered from Roy Mullis. Contact Roy at 803-360-1490 or by email at president@midcarolinarifleclub.com.

Information on CWP Classes, Shooting Instruction, and Services:

NRA INSTRUCTOR, ADVANCED CLASSES, & CWP: Paladin Services LLC is Joseph KATZ (NRA Training Counselor, SLED Certified CWP Instructor, and NRA Certified Advanced Pistol Instructor and Training Counselor) and Janet KATZ (NRA Training Counselor, SLED Certified CWP Instructor, and NRA Certified Advanced Pistol Instructor and Training Counselor), paladin@busman.com (803-783-0590).

NRA Pistol Instructor special course package: NRA Basic Instructor Training, NRA Pistol Instructor special course package on March 29-29, 2020. The course qualifies instructors to teach the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting and to apply to SLED for certification as SC CWP instructors. Instructor candidates must complete NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting student class before taking the NRA Pistol Instructor course.

NRA Rifle Instructor Training class will be offered May 30, 2020, for NRA instructors who have completed NRA Basic Rifle Shooting student class, NRA Basic Instructor Training and been certified in another discipline.

NRA Range Safety Officer Training, an essential course for all trainers and support staff, will be offered on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Training will be offered for NRA Certified Instructors who are also NRA Range Safety Officers July 25, 2020.

NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training will be offered September 26, 2020, for NRA Instructors who are certified NRA Pistol Instructors and have completed NRA Personal Protection in the Home student class.

NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home Instructor training will be offered November 21, 2020, for NRA Instructors who are certified NRA Pistol Instructors who have completed NRA Personal Protection in the Home Instructor training and the NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home student class.

<u>Defensive Shotgun</u> course will help you learn how to protect your home and family using a basic shotgun and will be offered May 16, 2020.

<u>Home Defense</u> (NRA Personal Protection in the Home) class, September 19, 2020, takes you beyond the CWP and handgun basics to help you develop strategies so you can protect yourself and your family from home invasion.

<u>Defensive Handgun 1</u> is offered March 14, and <u>Defensive Handgun 2</u> on April 18, 2020, to enhance your shooting skills and your ability to defend yourself while carrying concealed because the real world outside your home is infinitely more complex.

<u>Personal Training</u> is useful for both new shooters and experienced shooters to overcome fear of firearms or to hone your marksmanship skills. Scheduled by appointment on weekday afternoons from 1–3 or 3–5 p.m.

Go to the Paladin Services LLC website **http://paladin.busman.com** for detailed training information and schedule for advanced classes and personal training.

BULLETS BY SCARLETT, a locally owned business, specializes in reloading components: hard cast lead and Hi-Tek polymer coated bullets (projectiles) in dozens of calibers, weights and profiles; Shooters World Powder (www.shootersworldsc.com); Federal Primers- Pistol (large and small), Shotshell and Large Rifle. Scarlett is a representative for Rugged Gear Guncarts (use code BU0770 for 10% discount on carts and accessories - online purchases only). www.bulletsbyscarlett.com

Scarlett's husband, Tommy, does custom molded ear protection - silicone ear plugs made on the spot (\$75), lab made silicone (\$110 and up), as well as a full line of digital ear plugs.

If you would like for Scarlett and Tommy to vend at your match, please contact her at <u>bulletsbyscarlett@gmail.com</u> or by phone 843-833-0770.

<u>SC CWP and Personal Firearm Training</u> – MCRC members family and friends are in invited to take classes for SC CWP and Firearms (Handgun & AR Style Rifles) Training from M-W Tactical during the time of September 16-20 and September 22-27. Please email <u>info@M-Wtactical.com</u> or call 803-250-1256 to get registered. Visit <u>www.M-Wtactical.com</u> for more information.